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CELLER FOR CONGRESSIONAL CIA WATCHDOGGING

Law Artist, Let's Find Out, at 10:05 A. M. over WGBS (NY):

Guest: Representative Emanuel Celler, Democrat of Brooklyn, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee

Panel: Ed O'Neal of the Daily News; and Joseph Ingraham of the New York Times.

O'NEAL: "Congressman Celler, in that line of thinking, there has been a great deal of criticism of the Counter Intelligence (sic) Agency and its action with regard to, and surrounding, the U-2 incident. How do you feel the Congress should treat this criticism, and what can a Congress do with regard to the Counter Intelligence (sic) Agency?"

CELLER: "Well, a few years ago the Hoover Commission urged--urgently recommended the setting up of a House-Senate joint watchdog committee similar to the joint House and Senate Committee that we set up to oversee the activities of the Atomic Energy Commission. I think something of that sort should be done. There is move afoot to set up such a committee -- several bills have been offered. And in view of what has happened at the summit, and in view of the fact that, unfortunately, powers, the pilot of the U-2 air ship got caught -- and it's a mortal sin in spying to get caught -- I think the watchdog committee should know about this so that it can forestall recurrences.

"You know, facetiously, 'CIA' now, in Washington, stands for 'Caught in the Act'.

O'NEAL: "Well, you, sir, will support legislation to give Congress an additional degree of control over the workings of CIA? Is that right?"

CELLER: "Well, I want it distinctly understood that that does not mean that the Congress would spread, broadcast information secured from the CIA (sic), and the information it secures by way of overseeing. It's been charged in opposition to setting up such a watchdog committee, that the CIA must operate in uttermost secrecy. Well, they operate in secrecy with reference to the overseeing the work of the Atomic Energy Commission. And nobody has ever yet charge, successfully, the members of the Joint Atomic Energy Commission from revealing any secrets it had heard in any of its committee meetings, or otherwise. And I don't think there's any danger that there would be the evaporation of any information that might be obtained in the meetings of the Joint Committee looking over and watching the activities of the CIA."